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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 36th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [40]

   (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/63/3)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/371)

   (c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/255)

   (d) Draft resolution (A/63/L.14)[1]

   Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields . . . . . [44]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/83)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.15)

   Joint debate

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [114 (a) to (u)]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/228)

   (b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/63/155 and A/63/156)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.7, A/63/L/9, A/63/L.10, A/63/L.11, A/63/L.12 and A/63/L.13)

3. Holocaust remembrance: Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/316) . . . . . [59]

[1] To be issued.

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General Assembly
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Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held on *Monday, 3 November*, Tuesday, 4 November, and Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

Parts 1 and 2 of the revised draft outcome document have been issued and are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>. For further information, including background materials, please consult that Web site.

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The General Assembly will consider agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council) at its plenary meeting on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 10).

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of November 2008 (Costa Rica) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month, on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of November will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [47]

   (b) International financial system and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.9

   (c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.7

2. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference (A/63/345 and A/C.2/63/5[1]) . . . . . [48]

   Introduction of draft decisions A/C.2/63/L.19[1], A/C.2/63/L.20[1], A/C.2/63/L.21[1], A/C.2/63/L.22[1] and A/C.2/63/L.23[1]

3. Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [52]

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/63/77-E/2008/61 and A/63/284)

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/63/165 and A/63/L.3)

   Introductory statements, followed by "question time"

   General discussion

[*Note*: In order to accommodate the drafting session on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference, scheduled for Monday, 3 November, in the afternoon, the 24th meeting of the Second Committee will be held on Tuesday, 4 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.]

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)). Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

[1]To be issued.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 33rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/63/123) . . . . . [62]

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/63/18, A/63/306 and A/63/473)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/63/112, A/63/112/Add.1[1], A/63/366 and A/63/339)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/63/254, A/63/325 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) [63]

   Introductory statement

   Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

   Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

   Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

   Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

   General discussion (time permitting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 34th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/63/123) . . . . . [62]

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/63/18, A/63/306 and A/63/473)

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/63/112, A/63/112/Add.1[1], A/63/366 and A/63/339)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/63/254, A/63/325 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) [63]

   Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations common system (A/63/30, A/63/360 and A/63/501))

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.1/Corr.1 (English only), A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11,

A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1, A/63/328 (Section III, Part E) and A/63/474))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Item 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268, A/63/457 and A/63/328 (Section III, Part D))); and

Items 117 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Investigations/Procurement Task Force and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/331, A/63/369, A/63/492, A/63/167, A/63/167/Add.1, A/63/329, A/63/329/Add.1, A/63/490, A/63/328 (Section III, Part C), A/63/302 (Part I), A/63/302/(Part I)/Add.1, A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2 and A/63/328 (Section III, Parts A, B and C)))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) . . . . . [75]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
First session

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Establishment of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities . . . . . [6]

(a) Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

(b) Choice by lot by the President of the Conference of the six members of the Committee whose terms shall expire at the end of two years, as provided in article 34, paragraph 7 of the Convention

(c) Confirmation of the date on which the members of the Committee are to assume office

[*Note:* Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 41 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 27 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.]

[*Note:* The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on foreign policy and global health (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden); and on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of India)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon and natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and Switzerland)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Sweden)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Monday, 3 November 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on humanitarian assistance: briefing with the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Monday, 3 November 2008

Forum of the United Nations legal community (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Keiko Hasegawa, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1551; e-mail keiko-hasegawa@un-japan.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 3 November 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 37th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the Human Rights Council (A/63/53 and A/63/53/Add.1) . . . . . [58]

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Informal briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica (Croatia), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, Mr. Mike Smith, will give an informal briefing on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED on Thursday, 6 November 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to interested Member States.

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows, in Conference Room 8: Monday and Tuesday, 10 and 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 14 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 17, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: An informal meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 12 November, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, by Ambassador David Balton, Chairman of the seventh round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (ICSP-7), in preparation of the anticipated eighth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties.]

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 21st meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*, to consider agenda item 30 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Third Committee

List of speakers

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Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 4 November 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (under agenda item 114 (l)) (convened by the delegation of Namibia)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland, on behalf of the Core Group of the Geneva Declaration)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.9, entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 47 (b) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53 (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution of international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal Consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Coalition for the International Criminal Court (briefing on issues related to the Assembly of States Parties)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

African Group (informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (agenda item 43))

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

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Briefing on "Global mapping innovation for renewable energy resources" (organized by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the International Solar Energy Society (ISES))

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Roma Stibravy, ISES (e-mail isesny@gmail.com).]

Special event on "Enhancing Pacific connectivity" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Ahouilihoua, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4283; e-mail ahouilihoua@un.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "Global citizenship in action? Civil society and accountable global governance" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register or for more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Briefing on "The Geneva Declaration and its goals" (in the process of consultation with Member States on the draft resolution entitled "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence") (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

OLA/UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 30 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

35th plenary meeting

Report of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [66]

(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/63/4)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/229)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 66.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and the Sudan.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 66.

Report of the International Criminal Court . . . . . [69]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/323)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/471)

Judge Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the States Parties to the Caribbean Community), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Peru, Cuba, Argentina, Lesotho, Norway, Ghana, Japan, Nigeria, Kenya, Senegal, Mexico, the Sudan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Uganda.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 69.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed of the slight change in the programme of work for Monday, 3 November 2008, in the morning. The Assembly would first take up, in a joint debate, agenda items 40 and 44, followed by agenda item 114 and its sub-items and then agenda item 59.

Main Committees

First Committee

21st meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96)".

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to abstain in the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.9 adopted at the 20th meeting), Morocco, Montenegro (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote against draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.14 adopted at the 20th meeting), Dominica (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolutions A/C.1/63/L.4 and A/C.1/63/L.12 adopted at the 20th meeting) and Turkey.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.33 was adopted without a vote.

Preambular paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.36 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 159 to 0, with 2 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.36, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 164 to 0, with no abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.52 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.53 was adopted without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.36), India and the Sudan (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.36).

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Côte d'Ivoire (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining preambular paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.36).

A statement was made by the representative of Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.7* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 110 to 1, with 55 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of South Africa.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Republic of Korea.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.32/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 142 to 0, with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.43* was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.45 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 167 to 1, with no abstention.

The Secretary made a statement.

Operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 143 to 0 with 20 abstentions. Operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 143 to 0 with 21 abstentions. Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 143 to 0 with 21 abstentions. Operative paragraph 5 (b) of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 143 to 0 with 21 abstentions. Operative paragraph 5 (as a whole) of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 143 to 0 with 21 abstentions. Operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 143 to 0 with 21 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 144 to 0, with 21 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, India, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Indonesia, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to abstain in the vote on the operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.51).

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.56 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Singapore, India, the Russian Federation, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, China, Pakistan, Belarus and Morocco.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African group) and the Republic of Korea.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.49 was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.50/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of Lithuania.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Friday, 31 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96)".

The Chairman made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 138 to 4, with 5 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 141 to 5, with 6 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, India, Bosnia and Herzegovina (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30), Uzbekistan (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30), Bahamas (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30), the Niger (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30 and the draft resolution as a whole) and Armenia (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30).

Statement was made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.25 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 160 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.44/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 166 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Uruguay and Nigeria.

A statement was made by the representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of Kuwait, Yemen, Egypt, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya).

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.35 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 172 to 0, with no abstention.

Operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 141 to 1 with 19 abstentions. Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 142 to 1 with 18 abstentions. Operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 141 to 1 with 19 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39*, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 145 to 2, with 18 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the United States, Belarus, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolutions A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.30 and A/C.1/63/L.44/Rev.1), Morocco, Sierra Leone (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39*), Jordan (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30 and as a whole), Rwanda (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39* and the resolution as a whole) and Ethiopia (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolutions A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.30 and A/C.1/63/L.44/Rev.1), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.20 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 115 to 5, with 49 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.21 was adopted without a vote.

On a point of order, a statement was made by the representative of France to ask for a recorded vote of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.23.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.23 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 167 to 0, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.26 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 127 to 4, with 34 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia (also on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the United Kingdom (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of retaining operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30), the Netherlands, the United States (on behalf of the United Kingdom, France and the United States), France (who explained his delegation's abstention on operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.30) and Ecuador (who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.32/Rev.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Peru, the United States (on behalf of the United Kingdom and the United States) and France.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.13 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.22 was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.24 was adopted without a vote.

The Secretary made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.42 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Canada.

The Committee concluded its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96)".

The Committee considered item 110 concerning the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, regarding programme of work for next session.

The Committee adopted the draft programme of work and timetable for its next session, as contained in document A/C.1/63/CRP.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Nigeria, France (on behalf of the European Union) and Brazil (on behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean Group).

The First Committee thus concluded its work for the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Third Committee

32nd meeting

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [58]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the President of the Human Rights Council.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Belarus, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Bangladesh, Colombia, Algeria, the Sudan, Malaysia,

Portugal, China, the United States, Spain, Chile, Ukraine, Pakistan, Slovenia, Egypt, Haiti and Israel.

Rights of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 58.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to set the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under item 58, for Thursday, 6 November, at 1 p.m.

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

14th meeting

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Patrick Chuasoto, introduced the report of that Committee (A/63/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/119, A/63/119/Corr.1 and A/63/119/Add.1).

The Officer-in-Charge, Service III, Programme Planning and Budget Division, provided an oral statement of programme budget implications arising from the Committee on Conferences draft resolution on pattern of conferences, as contained in Annex I of document A/63/32.

The Deputy Director, Internal Audit Division, Office of Internal Oversight Services, introduced the report of that Office (A/63/94).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/509).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Angola (on behalf of the African Group), the Philippines, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran and China.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Friday 31 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 3, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alejandro Torres Lepori (Argentina).

Sixth Committee

21st meeting — *Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session* [75]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, the United States, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Poland, the Russian Federation, Uruguay, Belgium and Romania.

The President of the International Court of Justice addressed the Committee.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, New Zealand, Chile and Japan, as well as by the observer of the European Commission and the representative of Cyprus.

The Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission on the topic "Responsibility of international organizations" made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission introduced Chapters IX, X and XI of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Germany and the Netherlands, as well as by the observers of the European Commission and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

240th meeting — *Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee (A/AC/154/2008/CRP.1)*

The Chairman made a statement.

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report.

The Facilitator made a statement.

The Committee then adopted its draft report.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Chairman made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (31 October 2008)

Approval: Côte d'Ivoire (31 October 2008)[1]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Rwanda (31 October 2008)[1]

Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions, Geneva, 20 March 1958

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Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

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